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SUBJECT: GUIDANCE FOR PARTICIPANTS IN PROGRAMS OF
BILATERAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS

1. THE DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL
SECURITY AFFAIRS HAS ISSUED A DIRECTIVE DATED JUNE 6, WITH
THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE: BEGIN QUOTE

THE GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPANTS IN US-USSR BILATERAL COOP-
ERATIVE AGREEMENTS SET OUT IN THE MEMORANDUM FOR THE
DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE OF OCTOBER 25, 1977 STATED, INTER
ALIA, THAT THERE MUST BE A REASONABLE RECIPROCITY IN
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ACCESS TO PEOPLE. AGENCIES AND INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE AGREEMENTS SHOULD UNDERSTAND
THAT FURTHERING UNDERSTANDING AND CONTACT BETWEEN SOVIETS
AND AMERICANS WITH SIMILAR INTERESTS IS A MAJOR OBJECTIVE
OF THESE AGREEMENTS THAT IN SOME CASES IS AS IMPORTANT AS
OTHER SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL BENEFITS THAT ARE DERIVED
FROM THE PROGRAMS. IN PARTICULAR, NO AGENCY SHOULD IN-

STRUCT PARTICIPANTS IN ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT UNDER
THESE AGREEMENTS THAT PRIVATE AND LEGAL CONTACTS WITH
SOVIET CITIZENS ARE PROHIBITED. END QUOTE

2. THE MEMORANDUM WAS DISTRIBUTED AND DISCUSSED
BRIEFLY AT THE JUNE 20 MEETING OF THE INTERAGENCY
COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR US-SOVIET AFFAIRS (ICCUSA).
MAJOR POINT MADE IN DISCUSSION WAS THAT THE POLICY AGAINST
ANY BLANKET PROHIBITION ON CONTACTS APPLIES TO ALL AS
STATED, BUT THIS IS NOT EQUIVALENT TO A BLANKET ADVANCE
APPROVAL FOR ALL CONTACTS. CIRCUMSTANCES VARY SUCH THAT
US PARTICIPANTS PLANNING CONTACTS WHICH MIGHT BE CON-
SIDERED SENSITIVE FOR ANY REASON, SHOULD CONTINUE TO CON-
SULT IN ADVANCE WITH DEPARTMENT (EUR/SOV) OR EMBASSY.
LEGALITY OF ACTIVITIES, DISCRETION AND USE OF COMMON
SENSE REMAIN IMPORTANT.

3. ALL LEAD AGENCIES FOR BILATERAL AGREEMENTS HAVE
BEEN PROVIDED A COPY OF THE MEMORANDUM FOR THE GUIDANCE
OF ALL PARTICIPANTS. VANCE

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